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BECKMANN et al.)	
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Serial No. 08/836,734)	
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FOR: LGMD GENE CODING F	OR A	CALCIUM DEPENDENT PROTEASE

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed April 9, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows :

An amended paragraph of the **specification** is presented on page 2.

The claims are presented on pages 3-5.

Claims 1-5, 7-8, 15-18 and 20 are amended.

Claims 6, 9-14, 19 and 21-22 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Remarks begin on page 6.